

REMARKS

The applicant reaffirms the provisional election of species made without traverse on November 4, 2003 via telephone, to prosecute the invention of Group I, consisting of claims 1-9 and 16-22. Claims 10-15 are withdrawn from further consideration during the prosecution of this application.

Claims 1, 2 and 4 stand were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Forsythe, et al. (20020136839 A1). Claims 3, 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Forsythe, et al. application. Claims 16-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Forsythe, et al. application. Claims 7-9, 21 and 22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 6 and 7. Claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 20 and 21. Consequently, claims 6, 7, 20 and 21 have been canceled.

It is believed that the specification and amended claims are now in a condition for allowance. Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

The foregoing amendment is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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